

Renowned Fort Worth Artist Billy Hassell Creates Stunning New Buffalo Boogie Logo

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It's boogie time again! The 26th annual Buffalo Boogie Run is on Saturday, May 12 at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, one of the largest urban parks in the country. Proceeds from the event support the Nature Center and enable the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature

Center & Refuge to continue to financially support this wonderful park. The Friends provide funding for staffing, animal care, capital repairs, and education programming.

This year, we are unveiling a beautiful new logo by local artist Billy Hassell for the event. Billy is a Texas-based artist who focuses on nature, conservation, and the environment through oil paintings, color lithographs, and watercolors. He exhibits in galleries in Texas, Missouri, and Colorado. Billy's journey to becoming an artist began during his childhood in Dallas, where he explored the wild areas and creeks of his neighborhood.

Billy, referred to as "Mother Nature's Stylist" by *The New York Times*, has continued in the natural field, expressing his love of nature in his work, and his colorful paintings bring the experience of the outdoors into indoor spaces for his collectors.

Audubon Texas, the state office of the National Audubon Society, commissioned Billy to create an avian series of lithographs based on the locations of its nature centers and refuges in Texas. Billy was also commissioned by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation to create a lithograph series depicting the wild things and wild places of Texas.

Today, Billy lives in Fort Worth, Texas, with his wife, Emily, and his two dogs in an urban neighborhood, and his studio is just a few blocks away in an old storefront, where he paints daily. He has also brought his love of the outdoors to his urban home. Together with Emily, he has created a backyard oasis filled with birds, flowers, and a pond teeming with turtles, fish, and toads.

The Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge is so honored that Billy created this beautiful bison image just for Buffalo Boogie. We hope you like it as much as we do. To learn more about Billy, visit: billyhassell.com.

We need your support! Please join us on May 12 as a runner, walker, donor, or sponsor! For more information on Buffalo Boogie, visit: buffaloboogie.com.

Thank you for helping us preserve the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge for future generations!